

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed December 19, 2005. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 10-13, 35, 40, and 41 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,086,977 issued to Kah, Jr. ("Kah"). Claims 25 and 26 were rejected as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,471,908 issued to Hunter ("Hunter").

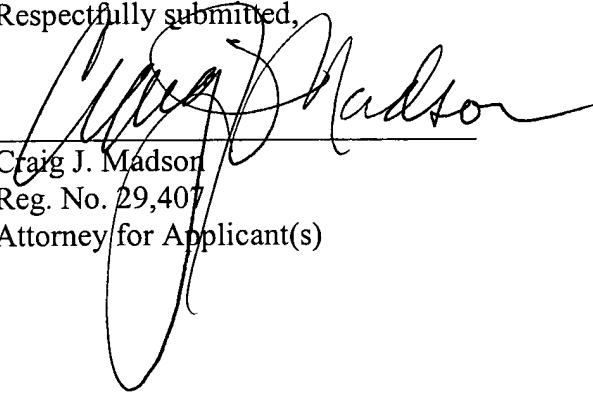
The Examiner allowed claims 14-24, 30-34, and 47-51. The Examiner also indicated that claims 5-9, 27-29, 36-39, and 42-46 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten.

By this paper, claims 5, 26-27, 36, and 42 have been cancelled. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of cancelled claim 5. Claim 25 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of cancelled claims 26 and 27. Claim 35 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of cancelled claim 36. Claim 40 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of cancelled claim 42. Claims 6, 28-29, 37-38, and 43-44 have been amended to correct their dependency upon cancelled claims. Accordingly, the Applicant submits that all of pending claims are in a condition for immediate allowance.

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Thus, because all of the pendent claims are in a condition for immediate allowance, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If there are any remaining issues preventing allowance of the pending claims that may be clarified by telephone, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned.

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